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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the

patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the

claims, but to merely show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect

thereto.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and

allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or

rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all

presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and

complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present

application is in condition for allowance.

A prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions

for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present

application. The required fee is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any

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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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